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TO THE POINT

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Tip of an Iceberg

WE publish next Sunday the final instalment of Mr. Greville Wynne's story of his experiences as prisoner of the Russians. That should be the signal for Moscow to issue, as promised a fortnight ago, their version of the arrest, trial and return of Mr. Wynne in exchange for Lonsdale.

The purpose of the story to be told in *Izvestia* will be to stress the intelligence side of an episode which was, and still is, of great political significance. The motives which drove Oleg Penkovsky into contact with the West are widely felt among the technical, military and literary intelligentsia of the Soviet Union: impatience with low living standards, drab lives, stifled discussion and constant supervision.

"He was the tip of an iceberg," Mr. Wynne wrote last week about Penkovsky, "there are lots like him below the surface." This is the essential point that we confidently expect *Izvestia* to avoid, even though its editor is Khrushchev's own son-in-law, Mr. Adzhubei.

Thanks to the B.B.C.'s fortnightly 5-minute programmes to the Soviet Union called *Through British Eyes*, broadcast yesterday unjammed, a key section of people there will have heard what a European Service spokesman called "references and short quotes" to do with the Wynne-Penkovsky story.

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